LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for controlling computer access, the system comprising:

at least one user profile for at least one respective user, each user profile indicating access times that the respective user is authorized to access a computer, including a time for accessing a particular local computer application of the computer, wherein each user profile is customizable for the respective user; and

a control unit to regulate user-access to the computer according to the user profile of a current user of the computer.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the access times include a specific time of day that the current user can access a particular computer application.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the access times include a duration of time that the current user can access a particular computer application.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the access times include a specific time of day that the current user can access an Internet web site.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the access times include a duration of time that the current user can access an Internet web site.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the access times include a specific time of day that the current user can access a content category.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the access times include a duration of time that the current user can access a content category.

8. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein each user profile is remotely stored on a database that is accessible by the World Wide Web.

9. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a mechanism for generating a request for permission to access information during a time period that has not been authorized.

10. (Original) The system of claim 7, further comprising:

an Internet user interface to display information from the World Wide Web; and

a server for accessing the database, wherein the Internet user interface displays a web page from the server that notifies the user that authorization to access the particular Internet site has been denied if the user is not authorized to access the Internet site during the time period, the web page providing the mechanism for generating a request.

11. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a server for accessing the database, wherein the Internet user interface displays a web page from the server to create the at least one user profile, the user profile being stored on the server and the computer.

12. (Currently Amended) A method to control computer access, comprising:

creating at least one user profile restricting computer access according to time restrictions for at least one respective user including a time for accessing a particular local computer application of the computer;

storing the at least one user profile on a computer;

identifying a current user of the computer;

receiving a request from the current user for computer access;

checking the user profile of the current user to determine if the current user is authorized for the computer access at a current time; and

denying access to the Internet site if the current user is not authorized for computer access at the current time.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising ~~the step of~~:
requesting permission for computer access at a time period for which the current user is not authorized.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising ~~the step of~~:
remotely accessing the at least one user profile to configure the time restrictions wherein each user profile is remotely stored on a database that is accessible by the World Wide Web.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein an administrator of the computer creates the at least one user profile for other users of the computer.

16. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the time restrictions include access times that the respective user of the user profile is authorized to access the computer.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the access times include a specific time of day that the respective user can access a particular computer application.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the access times include a duration of time that the respective user can access a particular computer application.

19. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the access times include a specific time of day that the respective user can access an Internet web site.

20. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the access times include a duration of time that the respective user can access an Internet web site.

21. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the access times include a specific time of day that the respective user can access a content category.

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22. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the access times include a duration of time that the respective user can access a content category.

23. (Currently Amended) A <u>tangible</u> computer-readable <u>storage</u> medium for storing a program that when executed on a computer controls computer access, the program comprising ~~the steps of~~:

creating at least one user profile restricting computer access according to time restrictions for at least one respective user <u>including a time for accessing a particular local computer application of the computer</u>;

storing the at least one user profile on ~~a~~ <u>the</u> computer;

identifying a current user of the computer;

receiving a request from the current user for computer access;

checking the user profile of the current user to determine if the current user is authorized for the computer access at a current time; and

denying access to the Internet site if the current user is not authorized for computer access at the current time.

24. (Currently Amended) The medium of claim 23, the program further comprising ~~the step of~~:

requesting permission for computer access at a time period for which the current user is not authorized.

25. (Currently Amended) The medium of claim 23, the program further comprising ~~the step of~~: remotely accessing the at least one user profile to configure the time restrictions wherein each user profile is remotely stored on a database that is accessible by the World Wide Web.

26. (Original) The medium of claim 23, wherein the time restrictions include access times that the respective user of the user profile is authorized to access the computer.

27. (Original) The medium of claim 26, wherein the access times a specific time of day that the respective user can access a particular computer application.

28. (Original) The medium of claim 26, wherein the access times include a duration of time that the respective user can access a particular computer application.

29. (Original) The medium of claim 26, wherein the access times include a specific time of day that the respective user can access an Internet web site.

30. (Original) The medium of claim 26, wherein the access times include a duration of time that the respective user can access an Internet web site.

31. (Original) The medium of claim 26, wherein the access times a specific time of day that the respective user can access a content category.

32. (Original) The medium of claim 26, wherein the access times include a duration of time that the respective user can access a content category.